



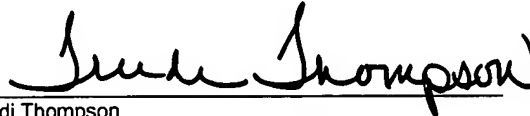
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Title: **PROBIOTIC COMPOUNDS
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application prior to first Office Action as outlined in the following pages.

On page 1 of the application:

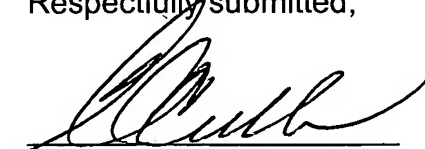
[0001] The present application claims priority to U.S. provisional patent application No. 60/256,528 filed December 18, 2000, now abandoned, the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

CONCLUSION

The Examiner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-1329.

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